

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

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An apparatus for preventing an unauthorized use of a copyright medium adapted to identify a purchaser by ~~means authentication of the purchaser's fingerprint authentication~~ at the time of purchasing an encrypted copyright medium, so that only the purchaser can reproduce or copy work data recorded in the copyright medium. Data is read from a copyright medium identification database in order to write a copyright medium unique identification database and a cipher key database into ~~an~~ a Smart card or other recording medium, using ~~an~~ a Smart card or other recording medium data reading/writing device. Moreover, fingerprint data of the purchaser of the copyright medium is read ~~by~~ using a fingerprint authentication device, ~~and the~~. The purchaser's fingerprint data, the copyright medium unique identification data, and the cipher key are written into the Smart card or other recording medium ~~by~~ using the Smart card or other recording medium data reading/writing device.